

**Director Charles Johnson**

As Director of the Illinois Department on Aging, Charles D. Johnson serves as the Governor's and the Illinois General Assembly's ambassador to nearly two million seniors in Illinois. He was appointed to this position in 2003 and oversees statewide programs to ensure older people live independently and with dignity in their own homes and communities.

Charles D. Johnson has worked for the Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging since 1974 and served as its Executive Director. Under his leadership, the agency implemented and expanded community-based services that promote independent living, including transportation assistance, home delivered meals, support for caregivers, and community care programs. He has been a vocal advocate for elder abuse prevention and response services as well as expanded senior pharmaceutical assistance programs. From 1967 to 1972, Director Johnson served as Deputy Director and Director of Neighborhood Centers for the Community Action Agency in Kankakee.

Director Johnson earned his bachelor's degree in history and education from Lane College, a historically black college in Jackson, Tennessee. He has earned graduate credits in public administration from Governors State University and credits in gerontology from the University of Southern California.